



News from Hunsdon Scout Group

Calling all families with young people aged 6 to 14. It's time to join our group so you don't miss out on the fun planned for this year!

1. Drop an email to ScoutGroup@hunsdon.org.uk
2. We send you a simple form
3. You provide a few contact & health details so we can keep your child safe and happy
4. Come for a free trial session
5. We invoice you later (current rates £3.20 per session paid termly half way through the term)
6. Book on to events on a pay as you go basis

Here's what there is to look forward to:

Camping - in tents or bunk-bedded rooms in lodges, with a group of friends, cosy, exciting and lots of fun

Activity days: adventurous things like climbing, kayaking, abseiling, 3D maze, giant zip wires, rope courses, and raft building, as well as plain outdoor fun building shelters, lighting fires, pond dipping, trails, and hiking

Cooking: bake cookies, roast chicken on fires, make camp dampers and smores, make your own garlic bread and chocolate waffles and sit round the campfire to enjoy them at the end of a busy day

Badges galore: first aid, sailing, home help, disability awareness, entertainer, DIY, music, animal friend, local knowledge, athletics, artist, astronomer, team leader, science, naturalist and more - there really is a badge to suit you all

Parades: Remembrance Day and St Georges Day - wonderful occasions out in the community

Outings: Golf evenings, water sports, Bayfordbury Observatory, miniature railways, Paradise Park

Visitors: First aid training, pottery painting, Karate demo, meet a Guide Dog or Hearing Dog, learn about the Air Ambulance service, and many more

Sleepovers: festive sleepovers in the Village Hall or local schools and community centres with activities, themed events like our 'Homeless Sleepover' and 'Drive-in Movie Sleepover' and even trips to HMS Belfast or the Golden Hind for once in a lifetime sleepovers

District fun events: a fun-packed day to celebrate Founders Day for just £3, the unique go karting event for Cubs (you won't get to do this anywhere else!), Beavers' Easter Egg hunt, Cubs Fun Run and a night hike with films and hotdogs included!

District and County level competitions: hikes, lightweight camping and Oxley Shield camping competitions, green beret, cyclocross, swimming galas, bushcraft, water activities.

This fantastic program starts in Beavers (6-8), develops in Cubs (8-10), continues in Scouts (10-14), and extends into Explorers, the Young Leader program and Network.

Squirrels

Do you have a child aged 4 or 5 - perhaps they have an older sibling who is already a Beaver or Cub? Would you like to be part of something new and exciting and help us set up Hunsdon's first ever Squirrel Drey? Squirrel's are the newest, youngest addition to Scouting. Squirrels have lots of fun every week playing games and learning together. A well planned 1 hour session is their opportunity to take their first steps in Scouting, and we are sure they would have an amazing time with us. We have all the skills to set up a Squirrel section for our group if you have an hour or so a week to help?

Badges

Now that we are back in force lots of badges are being awarded. We would love to have support from a few people who can teach and help the cubs to sew on their own badges. Just 10-15 minutes at time in the VH kitchen during our meetings, so that they don't miss out on the session activities. If you can help, please give us a call or email ScoutGroup@hunsdon.org.uk

Lochearnhead Scout Station

As Scouts we're all about getting outdoors, going for it and trying new things - and Lochearnhead Scout Station is an amazing place to do just that, with sailing on Loch Earn, two-wheeled expeditions on the Sustrans National Cycle route and the inspiring hills and mountains of the Trossach's on your doorstep. The centre is currently undergoing major refurbishment but we have heard the hiring cycle is opening up again, and Ware and District want to organise our next visit as soon as we can. The trip is usually open to group members aged 12+. We will need leaders, activity organisers, people with sailing skills, hikers, mountain bike day trip leaders, chefs and kitchen assistants, drivers and rescue boat crews. Fancy getting involved?

We're always here to answer any queries.

Hope to see you soon

Karen & the leader team at Hunsdon Scout Group

Beavers	Tuesdays 6.30 to 7.30 pm, girls and boys 6-8
Cubs	Thursdays 6.15 to 7.45 pm, girls and boys 8 to 10.5
Scouts	Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.00 pm, girls and boys 10.5 to 14.5
Young Leaders/DofE	Any section, age 14 - 18, vacancies in Beavers and Cubs
Volunteers	Any section, age 18+, vacancies in all sections No experience necessary, just come along with a big smile.

Volunteering with us: Can you be an extra pair of hands once a fortnight? If so, please get in touch.

Scout Group Enquiries: Karen Osterley, Group Scout Leader (scoutgroup@hunsdon.org.uk)

Subs are currently set at £3.20 per session invoiced termly. Typical activity costs range from £6 for a hike, £15 for water activity trial session, £40 for a 2 night camp including all the activities and food.

We collect stamps for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - please save them for us

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Village Website: <https://hunsdon.org.uk/village-organisations/beavers-cubs-scouts/>